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FIREBOMBING, ELIDA HIGH SCHOOL, ELIDA, OHIO, MARCH
THIRTY, SEVENTY. RM.

WILLIAM DALY, CHIEF DEPUTY, ALLEN COUNTY SO, LIMA, OHIO,
THIS DATE ADVISED ELIDA HIGH SCHOOL, ELIDA, OHIO, FIREBOMBED.
FIRE DISCOVERED BY CUSTODIAN AT SIX FORTYFIVE A M TODAY.
VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTOR'S CLASSROOM COMPLETELY
GUTTED AND ADJOINING FARM SHOP BADLY DAMAGED. WINDOWS BROKEN
AS IF BOTTLES THROWN IN. ONE FIREBOMB, A SOFT DRINK BOTTLE
WITH A NAPKIN WICK FOUND IN MACHINE SHOP. THIS HAD NOT GONE
OFF AND MACHINE SHOP UNDAMAGED.

DALY KNEW OF NO RACIAL ASPECTS.

FRED GOARE, SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, ADVISED SCHOOL AL-
MOST ENTIRELY WHITE. HIGH SCHOOL POPULATION THIRTEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY AND ONLY TWO NEGRO FAMILIES IN SCHOOL AREAS. ONE OF
THE NEGRO STUDENTS IS PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL AND

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HIS FATHER IS ON BOARD OF EDUCATION.

NO RACIAL PROBLEMS OF ANY KIND. NO INJURIES. DAMAGE AMOUNTS TO SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS; EXACT AMOUNT NOT DETERMINED AS YET.

USA, SECRET SERVICE, AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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3005 Federal Office Building
Cleveland, Ohio 44199

April 1, 1970

BY HAND

Mr. W. K. Deckard
Special Agent in Charge
United States Secret Service
418 Federal Courts Building
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Re: FIREBOMBING
ELIDA HIGH SCHOOL
ELIDA, OHIO
MARCH 30, 1970

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum, captioned
and dated as above, which may be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

Charles G. Cusick
Special Agent in Charge

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3005 Federal Office Building
Cleveland, Ohio 44199

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BY HAND

Honorable Robert B. Krupansky
United States Attorney
Northern District of Ohio
400 Federal Courts Building
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

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MARCH 30, 1970

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Cleveland, Ohio 44199

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BY HAND

Commanding Officer
Region IV
109th MI Group
Cleveland Field Office
2151 Federal Office Building
Cleveland, Ohio 44199

Re: FIREBOMBING
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MARCH 30, 1970

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Special Agent in Charge

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Cleveland Resident Agency
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Detachment 502
Office of Special Investigation
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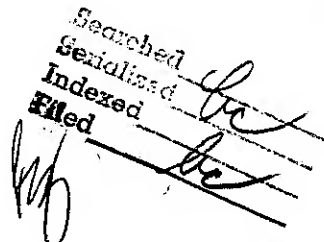
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Cleveland, Ohio

April 1, 1970

FIREBOMBING
ELIDA HIGH SCHOOL
ELIDA, OHIO
MARCH 30, 1970

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the FBI. It is the property of
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On March 30, 1970, WILLIAM DALY, Chief Deputy, Allen County Sheriff's Office, Lima, Ohio, reported the Elida High School, Elida, Ohio, was firebombed. He stated the fire was discovered by the custodian of the high school at 6:45 a.m., March 30, 1970, and that school was not in session due to the Easter vacation. He said the vocational agricultural instructor's classroom was completely gutted, and the adjoining farm shop was badly damaged. He said some windows were broken as if bottles had been thrown in. In addition, he stated one firebomb, a soft drink bottle with a napkin wick, was found in the machine shop but had not ignited, and the machine shop was not damaged. He said he knew of no racial aspects in this matter.

On March 30, 1970, FRED GOARE, Superintendent, Elida High School, stated the school was almost entirely white and that the high school population was approximately 1,350 and there were only two Negro families living in the school area. GOARE said one of the Negro students was President of the Student Council, and this student's father was on the Board of Education. He said there were no racial

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ELIDA HIGH SCHOOL
ELIDA, OHIO
MARCH 30, 1970

problems of any kind at the school and that school would resume classes on March 31, 1970.

On March 31, 1970, FLOYD ADAMS, Fire Chief, Elida Fire Department, stated that the fire at the Elida High School had been caused by firebombing. He said in regard to the firebomb which had been thrown in the machine shop, the bottle had been completely broken and the fluid dried up. He said the approximate damage to the school was \$40,000.

On March 31, 1970, WILLIAM DALY, Allen County Sheriff's Office, stated there were no injuries involved in this fire and that there were no suspects.

April 1, 1970

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To: Director, FBI

From: SAC, Cleveland (157-2721) (C)

Subject: FIREBOMBING
ELIDA HIGH SCHOOL
ELIDA, OHIO
MARCH 30, 1970
RM

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REFERENCE

Cleveland teletype, March 30, 1970.

ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are eleven copies of an LHM, captioned and dated as above. Copies of enclosed LHM are being disseminated to US Secret Service, the United States Attorney, and local military intelligence agencies at Cleveland, Ohio.

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